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Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Sudan/South Sudan UNISFA Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8 (NLB) (formerly Room 10 (NLB))

Briefing on the Secretary-General's Oceans Compact — "Healthy Oceans for Prosperity"

A briefing on the Secretary-General's Oceans Compact, entitled "Healthy Oceans for Prosperity", will be held *today*, 23 May 2013, at 13:15, in Conference Room 8 (NLB) (formerly Room 10 (NLB)). Mr. Achim Steiner, Chair of the High-level Committee on Programmes and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will be in attendance. All interested members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend.

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General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 14 June 2013, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-eighth session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-eighth session (agenda item 6).

The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications should be sent by e-mail to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337). An updated list of candidates can be found on the CandiWeb (https://eroom.un.org/eRoom).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

The sixty-eighth session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 17 September 2013, and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 24 September. The High-level Meeting on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Monday, 23 September. The Special Event in 2013 to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Wednesday, 25 September. The High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 26 September. The High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development will be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday 4 October.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 13 February 2013 in document A/68/50*.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 162 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/67/612, A/67/731 and A/67/780/Add.4));

Agenda item147 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (A/67/599, A/67/704, A/67/704/Corr.1 and A/67/780/Add.18));

Agenda item 159 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (A/67/610, A/67/610/Corr.1, A/67/716 and A/67/780/Add.17)); and

Agenda item 156 (Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/67/587, A/67/700 and A/67/780/Add.11))

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 155 (Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (A/67/605, A/67/719 and A/67/780/Add.5));

Agenda item 157 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (A/67/609, A/67/755 and A/67/780/Add.12)); and

Agenda item 149 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/67/642, A/67/777 and A/67/780/Add.15))

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Third session

09:00 to 10:00 — Conference Room 3 (CB)

Informal meeting, convened by the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group, with representatives of major groups and other stakeholders [webcast]

10:00 to 13:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3 (CB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3][1]

Continuation and conclusion of the interactive exchange of views on "Food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, desertification, land degradation and drought"

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[1]The agenda of the Open Working Group, adopted on 14 March, 2013, is contained in document A/AC.280/2013/1.

15:00 to 18:00 — 4th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3 (CB)

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Keynote address and introduction of the issues note prepared by the United Nations Technical Support Team (by Mr. Michael Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and Chair of UN-Water)

Panel discussion, followed by an interactive exchange of views on "Water and sanitation"

Panellists:

Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Executive Director, Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute

Dr. Letitia Obeng, Board Member, International Water Management Institute

[The list of side events on the occasion of the third session of the Open Working Group can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

[For further information, including the draft programme of work, please *click here*.]

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Twenty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. Executive meeting
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (Section 29C — Office of Human Resources Management)
3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (Section 5 — Peacekeeping operations)
4. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 7th meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Half-day discussion on the African region [item 4]

Study on resilience, traditional knowledge and capacity building for pastoralist communities in Africa (E/C.19/2013/5)

[The list of side events on the occasion of the twelfth session of the Forum can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

[The twelfth session of the Permanent Forum is served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum is available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.]

[Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

[Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).]

[For background and other related documents of the twelfth session of the Forum, please visit the following website www.un.org/indigenous.]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2013 resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 23rd meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2013/R.3 and E/C.2/2013/R.3/Add.1)[1] [item 3 (b)]

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2013/CRP.7 and E/C.2/2013/CRP.8)[2] [item 3 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00 24th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2013/CRP.7 and E/C.2/2013/CRP.8)[2] [item 3 (a)]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation are available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs *(click here)*. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications will be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

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[1] Restricted documents of the Committee.

[2] Conference room papers.

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Masood Khan (Pakistan), will convene an informal meeting *today*, 23 May 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), on the report of the Secretary-General on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", which will be submitted by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for consideration by the Council at the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2013 substantive session. An advance copy of the report is available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefing

In preparation for its annual session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the 2012 annual report of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations, *today*, 23 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/67/251 and A/67/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

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General Assembly

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global economic governance" (under agenda item 118 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

From *11:30* to 13:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (under agenda item 63 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 23 May 2013

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 11:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Other activities

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Briefing and accessibility walk-through of the renovated Conference Building (organized by the United Nations Interdepartmental Task Force on Accessibility, in cooperation with the Office of the Capital Master Plan (CMP), Department of Management (DM))

From 13:15 to 14:30 (assembly at Conference Room 9 (level 1B of the Conference Building, near the Secretariat Building escalators)).

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Fred Doulton, DESA (e-mail doultonf@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 23 May 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

11:00 Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) [*Participants:* Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA; Mr. Pingfan Hong, Chief of Global Economic Monitoring Unit (GEMU), DESA; and Mr. Ingo Pitterle, Economic Affairs Officer of GEMU, DESA] (on the mid-year update of the *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2013*)

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

13:30 Mr. Simon William M'Viboudoulou, member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Mr. Laurent Tengo, Legal Adviser to the President of the Republic of the Congo; Ms. Agnes Leina; Women's Regional Coordinator, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee; and Mr. Albert Kwokwo Barume, Senior Specialist on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples' Issues, International Labour Organization (on issues affecting indigenous peoples in the African region, as part of the ongoing twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 43 to 48, 54, 56, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f) and (h), 112, 113, 115 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 24 May 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The Committee will hold its 33rd meeting at 15:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Special event

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold a special event with Member States on countering terrorism through the use of new communications and information technologies, on Friday, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 16:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The event is open to Member States only.

For information concerning substantive issues, please contact Mr. Christian Mahr, Senior Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (e-mail mahr@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1706). Questions concerning administrative issues may be addressed to Ms. Fei Xing, Associate Political Affairs Officer, CTED (e-mail xing@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1809).

General Assembly

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal briefings

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will hold an informal briefing on the updated strategic plan, on Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

There will be an informal briefing of the Executive Board of UN-Women on the report on UN-Women evaluation function, on Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, at UN-Women Headquarters (220 East 42nd Street, 19th Floor conference room). Kindly confirm attendance by e-mail (stefania.letta@unwomen.org), *by Tuesday 28 May*.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-third Meeting

The Twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 June 2013. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 10 June, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.72, also available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States Parties that have not yet done so are requested to submit their credentials *no later than Friday, 7 June*, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450). Credentials should be duly signed, in accordance with Rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4), by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

Observers who have not yet done so are requested to transmit to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450) the names of the representatives who will form part of the observer delegation.

Economic and Social Council

Special meeting

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/33 and decision 2013/204, the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eighth session (E/2012/45) and the report of the Secretary-General on further progress in strengthening the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (to be issued).

During the morning session, there will be two panel discussions on the themes: (1) "International tax cooperation: Capacity development"; and (2) "Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion", followed by a general discussion. The afternoon session will feature the launch of the *United Nations Transfer Pricing Practical Manual for Developing Countries*, followed by a panel discussion on the theme "Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries", after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room S-1282)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Victoria Panghulan (e-mail panghulanv@un.org; room DC2-2186A)).

Further details are available on the Financing for Development website (*click here*). For more information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 28 June 2013.

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are requested to communicate the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by notes verbales to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee wishing to participate as observers should communicate, also via note verbale, the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat, well in advance of the session.

All relevant documentation and the provisional and tentative programme of work of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for the fifty-third session will be available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

In preparation for its annual session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal briefings as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the annual report of the Executive Director and on the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014–2017; and

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations, the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF and on the thematic synthesis report on evaluation of humanitarian action.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (18–21 June 2013) will take place on Friday, 31 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, Conference Room 1 (NLB). The pre-session briefing will be combined with an informal briefing on the report on the progress of gender equality work in UNICEF and an informal briefing on the draft country programme document for Egypt.

Annual session

The 2013 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 18, to Friday, 21 June, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2013/10. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 7 June*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming annual session of the Executive Board will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board website.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold informal consultations, as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the annual report on evaluation and management response;

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, at the FF Building, 11th Floor (UNDP Office) (304 East 45th Street): on the UNDP evaluation of the global programme and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Africa and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Arab States and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific States and management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the management response; and the evaluation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean States and the management response;

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to South-South and triangular cooperation (2008-2011) and management response; and

Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the UNDP Strategic Plan.

Annual session 2013

The annual session 2013 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 14 June, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and workplan for the session will be issued in document DP/2013/L.2.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 28 May*.

The upcoming annual session of the Executive Board will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

Meeting of States Parties
Second Meeting

The Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance will take place on Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4, of the Convention, is to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms are due expire on 30 June 2013. The documents for the Meeting are CED/SP/2/1 and CED/SP/2/2/Rev.1. For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Please note that the agenda will include a substantive panel discussion on "Implementation of the Convention". To benefit from this discussion, Third Committee experts from delegations are invited to join their election officers for the Meeting.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Meeting of States Parties
Sixth Meeting

The Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will take place on Thursday, 30 May 2013, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 72, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention, is to elect seven members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2013. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/6/12, CMW/SP/6/13 and CMW/SP/6/13/Rev.1 (to be issued). For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-fifth Meeting

The Twenty-Fifth Meeting of States Parties of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will take place on Monday, 3 June 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 8, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention, is to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 19 January 2014. The documents for the Meeting are CERD/SP/75, CERD/SP/76 and CERD/SP/76/Add.1. For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Forthcoming informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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General Assembly

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The United Nations in global economic governance" (under agenda item 118 (b)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Friday, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Multilinguxlism" (under agenda item 120) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Senegal)

Friday, 24 Ma, 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB) (formerly Room 10 (NLB)).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges)

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 17:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special commemorative event on the occasion of the Day of Vesak (General Assembly resolution 54/115 (A/RES/54/115)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao Democratic People's Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Viet Nam)

Friday, 24 May 2013, at 18:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Erandi Karunaratne, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (e-mail research@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-7040).]

Global town hall meeting on "Umoja" (co-organized by the Department of Management, the Department of Field Support and the Office of Human Resources Management)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at 08:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All United Nations staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of Enterprise Resource Planning (Umoja) (e-mail umoja@un.org); or Ms. Einat Temkin (e-mail temkin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5841).]

Expert Group Meeting on Extractive Industries Taxation (organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 9:40 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber Council (CB).

[The event is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734); or Ms. Ilka Ritter, DESA (e-mail ritter@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2456); or *click here*.]

Seminar on "Advancing social protection floors (Module II)" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 10:00 to 17:00, in the Permanent Mission of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. To register please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Panel discussion on "Safeguarding financing for sustainable development" (co-organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Permanent Mission of Austria)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Xinxin Cai, DESA (e-mail cai2@un.org).]

High-level meeting of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Development Agenda towards the Third United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat III) (co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail habitatny@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Martin Huth, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail martin.huth@diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0420).]

Panel discussion on "The youth employment crisis: A call for action" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Germany and Tunisia and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail newyork@ilo.org).]

Special event on "Sustainable technologies for a resilient future" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)) and Honeywell Corporation)

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

DPI/NGO panel discussion on "Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 June 2013, from 10:00 to 12:15, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and for further information, please contact the DPI/NGO Resource Center (e-mail dpingo.briefings@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7234); or Mr. Charles Hitchcock (e-mail hitchcockc@ngodpiexecom.org), *no later than 1 June 2013*).]

Special event on the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour on the theme "No to child labour in domestic work" (co-organized by Human Rights Watch, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Permanent Missions of Italy, Mauritius, the Philippines and Uruguay, in cooperation with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children)

Wednesday, 12 June 2013, at 18:00, at the Institute of International Education (809 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and for further information, please contact Ms. Jo Becker, Human Rights Watch (e-mail beckerj@hrw.org) and the Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2012/228 of 24 July 2012, the sixteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 June 2013, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2013/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Ms. Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Chief, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7047, Geneva (tel. 011-41-22-917-4446; e-mail padmashree.gehl.sampath@unctad.org; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information at http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD.aspx.

Inquiries on the sixteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Mr. Otto Gustafik, Secretary of the Commission (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2013
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Economic and Social Council will hold its substantive session of 2013 from Monday, 1 July, to Friday, 26 July 2013, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The session will open on Monday, 1 July, at 9:15. The annotated provisional agenda will be issued as document E/2013/100. For further information, please consult the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

List of speakers

The lists of speakers for all segments are indicated below. If no specific reference is made to a list of speakers, it implies that no such list is being maintained. The lists will open for inscription on Monday, 3 June. The deadlines for inscription are indicated in the relevant paragraphs below. Requests for inscription on the lists of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, indicating the full name and title of speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mail syyap@un.org; or fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). *The time limit set for statements under the general debate of the high-level segment is seven minutes and five minutes for all other segments.*

High-level segment (1–4 July)
[Item 2 of the provisional agenda]

The high-level segment will begin at 9:15 on Monday, 1 July, with opening statements, followed by keynote addresses and policy messages from the annual ministerial review preparatory meetings. During the segment, there will be a number of panel discussions as well as five voluntary national presentations followed by interactive discussions.

A list of speakers will be maintained only for the general debate of the high-level segment, to be held in the afternoons of Tuesday, 2 July, and Wednesday, 3 July; and the morning and afternoon (as needed) of Thursday, 4 July. Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

A detailed programme of the high-level segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions (5 July (morning))
[Item 10 of the provisional agenda]

The dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions on the topic "Regional perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda" (Council decision 2013/211) will be held in the morning of Friday, 5 July, immediately following the opening of the coordination segment. There will be no established list of speakers.

Coordination segment (5 July (morning)–9 July)
[Items 4 and 6 (a) of the provisional agenda]

The coordination segment will begin at 10:00 on Tuesday, 5 July, with opening statements, followed by the dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions. During the segment, there will also be a number of interactive panel discussions.

The consideration of agenda item 4 will be held on Friday afternoon, 5 July, and Monday morning, 8 July. The general discussion will be held on Monday afternoon, 8 July. The consideration of agenda item 6 (a) will include an interactive panel discussion in the morning of Tuesday, 9 July, followed by the general discussion in the afternoon. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of agenda items 4 and 6 (a). Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

A detailed programme of the coordination segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Operational activities segment (10–12 July)
[Item 3 and sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of the provisional agenda]

The operational activities segment will begin at 10:00 on Wednesday, 10 July, with opening statements. During the segment, there will be a number of interactive panel discussions. The general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole will be held in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 12 July. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of agenda item 3. Inscription on the list of speakers will close by 17:00 on Thursday, 11 July.

A detailed programme of the operational activities segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Informal event to discuss the transition from relief to development (15 July (morning))

An interactive panel discussion to discuss the transition from relief to development (Council decision 2013/213) on the topic "Supporting national priorities in a process of transition from relief to development: United Nations delivering as one", will be held in the morning of Monday, 15 July, and will be open to all interested participants. There will be no established list of speakers.

Humanitarian affairs segment (15 July (afternoon)–17 July)
[Item 5 of the provisional agenda]

The humanitarian affairs segment will begin at 15:00 on Monday, 15 July, with opening statements. During the segment, there will be two interactive panel discussions. The general discussion of agenda item 5 will be held in the afternoons of Monday, 15 July, and Wednesday, 17 July. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of the item. Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

General segment (18-25 July)
[Items 6–15 of the provisional agenda]

The general segment will begin at 10:00 on Thursday, 18 July, and will continue until Thursday, 25 July. *Lists of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of the items under the segment.* Inscription on the list of speakers will close by 17:00 on the day before the general discussion of the item.

A detailed programme of the general segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Conclusion of work (26 July)

The Council will conclude the work of its substantive session of 2013 on Friday, 26 July.

List of participants

Delegations should send, *in writing*, on official letterhead, the names and titles of the members of their delegations (please indicate clearly the head and alternate head of delegation) as they would like them to appear in the official list of participants. Please send this composition of delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org; room S-1275; or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935)), *as soon as possible, but no later than 24 July 2013*. The list of participants will be issued as part of the official documents of the session.

Side events

A list of side events to be held in conjunction with the 2013 substantive session of the Council will be posted on the Web site of the Council shortly.

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Security Council documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Today, 23 May 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013.

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to take place from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, in Thailand, subject to available funding. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is *urgently* seeking voluntary contributions from Member States, to be communicated by *Friday, 28 June 2013*. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5284).

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 31 May 2013*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 44/116 O, paras. 8 and 9, entitled "Review Conference of the parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof", adopted on 15 December 1989 (Note verbale ODA/11-2013/SEA-BED dated 21 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/27, paras. 2 and 3, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/18-2013/IS dated 22 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/28, paras. 10 and 11, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/09-2013/NWFZME dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/33, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/10-2012/ICJ dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/37, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/16-2013/EN dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/38, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/17-2013/ML dated 19 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/44, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/12-2013/WMDT dated 15 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/48, para. 6, entitled "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/27-2013/WAD dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/61, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/26-2013/CBMRSC dated 28 February 2013 refers); and

Resolution 67/75, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/25-2013/SSCMR dated 25 February 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Milex/, by *Friday, 31 May 2013*, the information relevant to resolution 66/39, paras. 2, 3, 4 and 5 (a), entitled "Transparency in armaments", adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/06-2013/TIA dated 18 March 2013 refers).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Security Council

6968th meeting *The situation in Guinea-Bissau*

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau including efforts towards the restoration of constitutional order, and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (S/2013/262)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2013/304, submitted by France, Luxembourg, Morocco, Pakistan, Rwanda and Togo.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2013/304) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2013/304) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2103 (2013).

6969th meeting *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Robert Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Third session

1st meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

The Co-Chair, His Excellency Macharia Kamau (Kenya), opened the third session and made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, made a keynote address.

Statements were made by Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme, Mr. Carlos Seré, Associate Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural development, and Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, to introduce the issues notes prepared by the United Nations Technical Support Team on "Food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, desertification, land degradation and drought."

Statements were made by the representatives of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cape Verde (on behalf of the Group of African States), the European Union, Benin (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Palau (on behalf of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States), Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ghana (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)), Ireland (also on behalf of Denmark and Norway), Germany (also on behalf of France and Switzerland), the United Arab Emirates (also on behalf of Cyprus and Singapore), Mexico (also on behalf of Peru), Turkey (also on behalf of Italy and Spain), Sri Lanka (also on behalf of India and Pakistan), Zimbabwe (also on behalf of Zambia), Brazil (also on behalf of Nicaragua), Colombia and Guatemala.

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Kenya).

A statement was also made by the Secretary.

2nd meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Panel discussion

The Open Working Group held a panel discussion on "Food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, desertification, land degradation and drought", chaired by the Co-Chair (Hungary).

Presentations were made by Dr. Hans Herren, President of the Millennium Institute and Biovision Foundation, and Dr. Dennis Garrity, Drylands Ambassador, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

The Open Working Group held an interactive exchange of views with the panellists, in which comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Pakistan, Ghana, Benin, the United Arab Emirates, Ireland, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Peru, Indonesia, Croatia, Argentina, France, Zambia, Japan, India, Bangladesh, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Germany, Brazil, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Lebanon, Gabon, Iceland, Ethiopia and Nigeria.

The representative of the European Union also posed questions to the panellists.

Comments were also made by the representatives of the major groups of women and the local authorities.

A statement was also made by the Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, in response to comments made by delegations.

The panellists responded to the questions raised.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-chair (Hungary)

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Twelfth session

5th meeting

Human rights [item 7]

(a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Chair made a statement.

Ms. Dalee Sambo Dorough, member of the Permanent Forum, introduced a study.

Mr. Paul Kanyinke Sena, member of the Permanent Forum, introduced the report contained in document E/C.19/2013/6, on which additional comments were made by a representative of the Disability Caucus.

Ms. Dalee Sambo Dorough acted as moderator of the meeting.

The Permanent Forum held a panel discussion, in the course of which statements were made by Mr. Wilton Littlechild, Chief of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and Mr. Shankar Limbu, Chair of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

Mr. Raja Devasish Roy, member of the Permanent Forum, made a statement.

The Permanent Forum heard statements by the following Member States represented by observers: Paraguay, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Chile, Cuba, United States and Australia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Pan American Health Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Labour Organization.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following indigenous organizations: Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Global Caucus; Electoral Court of Mexico (Chief Justice); Women's Caucus; Grand Council of the Crees; Assembly of First Nations; Crimean Tatar Mejlis; Navajo National Human Rights Commission; and Confederación Sindical Única de Trabajadores Campesinos de Bolivia (CSUTCB).

6th meeting

The summary of the 6th meeting of the Permanent Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/100).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2013 resumed session

21st meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Sudan, Cuba, China, the United States, Morocco, Pakistan, Belgium, India, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, Bulgaria and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 17 non-governmental organizations.

22nd meeting — *New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification* [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, China, Turkey, Pakistan, Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, Senegal, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation and Belgium.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The representatives of Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Israel, Pakistan, Morocco and the Russian Federation posed questions to the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Curia Generalizia Agostiniana; Observatorio Regional para la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe, A.C.; Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited; Allied Rainbow Communities International; and Database Center for North Korean Human Rights.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to five non-governmental organizations.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3168th meeting — *Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction* [item 5]

The Commission continued its consideration of the Special Rapporteur's second report on the topic (A/CN.4/661).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Arms Trade Treaty
(New York, 2 April 2013)

Opening for signature

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/234B of 2 April 2013.

In accordance with its article 21, the Treaty shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States from Monday, 3 June 2013, until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Treaty, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation. Electronic copies of the Treaty will be made available soon on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (*click here*).

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Côte d'Ivoire
His Excellency Youssoufou Bamba

Asia-Pacific States:
Saudi Arabia
His Excellency Abdallah Yahya Al-Mouallimi

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
His Excellency Henry Leonard Mac-Donald

Western European and other States:
Greece
His Excellency Michel Spinellis

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council www.un.org/en/sc/.

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at https://delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly contained in document A/67/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be also sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

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